

people moving—especially frontline workers who keep our country moving despite the raging pandemic.

Rebuilding a stronger, sustainable economy will require robust, reliable, and frequent transit and we must fund transit equitably like the vital public good and toll for economic empowerment that it is.

HONORING PENNY BISIGNANO AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, October was National Bullying Prevention Month. As such, I rise today to ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Penny Bisignano for her efforts in bullying prevention in our schools. She has played a key role in supporting anti-bullying training and programming for teachers, parents, and students in Iowa. In fact, our Senate colleagues may remember Penny's 2012 testimony on the issue of bullying.

In 2018 alone, there were more than 835,000 reported incidents of bullying among students ages 12 through 18. As a parent, these numbers are deeply concerning. While the act of bullying is nothing new, the rise of on line communication, social media, and smart phones has provided new and highly accessible environments for aggressions to occur. As a result, bullying has become more subversive and difficult to recognize. Thankfully, we have people like Penny who have coached teachers, students, and parents on what to look for and how these incidents can be prevented.

While working with school counselors, Penny began to see concerning trends in the way children were treating each other. She realized she wanted to help people better understand the seriousness of bullying and how difficult it can be for children to talk about. In 2004, she decided it was time to act and set her sights on championing bullying prevention statewide.

For years, Penny ran the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in Iowa. The Olweus Program has a comprehensive approach to creating a positive and safe environment in schools. The program's goal is to not only reduce the number of bullying incidents in schools, but also improve relations between students. By addressing antisocial behaviors, this programming has been found to reduce bullying among students as well as truancy and vandalism. Iowa is fortunate to have not only quality programming available, but also so many dedicated organizations working to keep all children safe.

A longtime education consultant, Penny has participated in the Iowa Safe and Supportive Schools Grants Team, focusing on prevention and intervention. She's provided training and networking statewide and facilitated various projects for the improvement of schools and teachers' roles in bullying prevention. Penny also expanded her expertise beyond Iowa by dedicating five years to the Board of Directors for the International Bullying Prevention Association. She eventually founded her own small business, Bisignano Consulting and Coaching,

to work on several projects including a study observing possible links between bullying and chronic health conditions.

Penny remains passionate about bullying prevention. In fact, she's come out of retirement three times to continue her work. That speaks volumes about Penny's character and rings true for so many Iowans: if there's a job to do, they won't rest until it's done well. She's now enjoying her fourth (and hopefully final) retirement while still offering expertise whenever asked. Penny hopes her fellow Iowans continue having conversations about bullying so children and adults alike can learn how to better care for one another, and I couldn't agree more. It is my honor to recognize Penny Bisignano as our Iowan of the Week.

CELEBRATING A.G. HEINS
COMPANY 100 YEARS OF SUCCESS

HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, American entrepreneurial spirit is the bedrock of our nation's economy, creating good-paying jobs, solving everyday problems and providing the goods and services we rely on. I rise today to celebrate one of East Tennessee's own, the A.G. Heins Company, which rode that entrepreneurial spirit from humble beginnings to 100 years of success.

Currently in its fourth generation of family ownership, the A.G. Heins Company has long provided building materials to the East Tennessee region. The company provides necessary resources to complete projects of all sizes, from individual household repairs to construction at the University of Tennessee.

Staying in business for 100 years is no easy accomplishment, and the A.G. Heins Company persevered through many challenging economic times, such as the Great Depression and the Second World War. The company's history is a reminder that small businesses can grow and innovate even in the face of adversity.

I would like to extend my congratulations to the Heins family as they celebrate their 100th year in business this month, and I wish them many more years of success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 239, H.R. 8354—Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative Act.

REMEMBERING ANNABELLE
BEAUCHAMP

HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I arise today to honor the short life of Annabelle Kristine Beauchamp of Bellevue, Kentucky.

Annabelle was only three years of age when she left us on December 2, 2020. But in that short time on earth, she inspired a multitude of people with her great inner strength, determination, and fearless zest for life. She bedazzled the world as to how anyone so frail could be so powerful.

Born with Downs Syndrome and a badly damaged heart she endured against all odds. Annabelle fought her way through numerous surgeries, and frequent and prolonged stays in the hospital. In the end, it still took a monstrous and murderous worldwide pandemic to vanquish her. With her death-grappling struggle she easily won all of us to her side. As Virgil wrote, "those things doomed to die, touch the heart."

Against the torrent of hardships which beset her from the very beginning, sweet Annabelle gallantly soldiered on through it all. With her captivating smile and determination, she breathed life into the state's ethos of unbridled spirit.

Though faced with many obstacles at birth, Annabelle was richly blessed with two incredibly brave and loving parents—Will and Jessi Beauchamp. They proved to be a match in love and devotion with little Annabelle's undaunted courage.

Anyone blessed to have known Annabelle during her short life knows that she did not intend to leave us so soon. She intended to live, to grow, to thrive and to bless us all for a long time to come. She intended to stay and bless us, no matter what it took. But, tragically, death conquers the earthly vessel in which we live, even if possessed of the vigor and zest as our little heroine. Annabelle left behind a little bit of herself wherever she went. No amount of physical impediments nor human restraints can be retentive to the strength of spirit. She left us with the eternal gift of that spirit. Even now, though freshly gone, she whispers to us in her own unique and endearing voice.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not dead, I did not die.
I am the stars that shine at night,
I am the sun in morning's light.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I did not sleep, I did not die.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DAN F.
MOHON

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dan Mohon who passed away on December 6, 2020, just four days shy of his 81st birthday. Dan filled his days with hard work and loyal service to his faith, family, friends, and community.

Dan F. Mohon was born in Vernon, Texas, on December 10, 1939, to his parents Walter and Flora Pauline Beach Mohon. Just before his 13th birthday, Dan, as the eldest child, took on the responsibility of caring for his mother and younger siblings, Nanene and Gary, following his father's death. In order to care for his family, Dan worked 32 hours a week while continuing his education.

After Dan graduated from Quanah High School in 1958, he attended Texas Tech University where he graduated with a degree in